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**FILING OF CONTINUED PROSECUTION APPLICATION
PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. 1.53(d)**

Dear Sir:

This is a request for filing of a Continued Prosecution Application under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(d) for U.S.S.N. 08,887,505, filed on July 2, 1997 and entitled, "OLIGONUCLEOTIDES SPECIFIC FOR HEPATITIS C VIRUS" in which no payment of the issue fee, abandonment of, or termination of proceedings has occurred. The inventors, Robert E. Kilkuskie, Bruce L. Frank, John Goodchild, Jia L. Wolfe, Peter C. Roberts, Henry A. Hamlin, Jr., Noel A. Roberts and Debra M. Walther, named in the prior application, remain the same. No inventors are to be added or deleted in the CPA Application.

A Small Entity Statement was filed in the prior non-provisional application and such status is still proper and desires.

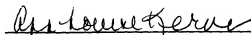
This patent application is being submitted under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(d) and 35 U.S.C. §1.11, without payment of the filing fee. Please be advised that the United States Patent and Trademark Office is not authorized to charge the filing fee to our Deposit Account.

Applicants also request a three-month extension of time, up to and including June 21, 1999, to respond to the Examiner's Action mailed on December 21, 1998. Please charge our Deposit Account No. 08-0219 the required fee of \$435.00 pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(3) reflecting the Small Entity Status of the application. For this purpose, we enclose a duplicate copy of the Transmittal Letter.

If there are any questions, please call the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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